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/MEDIA REACTION PILGRIMS SOCIETY SPEECH/

1. EDGARDO BARTOLI REPORTS FROM LONDON IN DECEMBER 14 CORRIERE DELLA SERA UNDER HEADLINE: "KISSINGER'S PROPOSALS RECEIVES FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM SOME /EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS/; MET WITH HESITATION BY OTHERS." BARTOLI COMMENTS: "ONE CANNOT WELL UNDERSTAND WHAT KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL MEANS. OPEN TO TWO POSSIBLE
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INTERPRETATIONS: IT EITHER ACT OF POLITICAL GENEROSITY

/TOWARD EUROPE/ OR IT IS MEANT THROW SAND IN GEARS OF EMERGING EUROPEAN ENERGY POLICY ON EVE COPENHAGEN MEETING."

IN STORY ON EEC COPENHAGEN MEETING ALDO RIZZO IN LA STAMPA SAYS TODAY: "IT NECESSARY FOR EEC DEVELOP ENERGY PLAN FREE FROM ARAB OIL BLACKMAIL. OF COURSE, IT MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT KISSINGER'S ENERGY GROUP. THIS EVENING IT NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER COMMON EUROPEAN ATTITUDE TOWARD KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL WILL BE REACHED." ALSO FROM COPENHAGEN PAOLO ROMANI IN LA NAZIONE.

"KISSINGER'S LONDON PROPOSAL MAY SPLIT EEC INTO TWO OR THREE FACTIONS, E.G. THOSE SUPPORTING US COOPERATION (HOLLAND AND, POSSIBLY, W.GERMANY). THOSE FIRMLY AGAINST IT (FRANCE) AND THOSE SHOWING HESITANT ATTITUDE." PAPER CONCLUDES: "IF NO AGREEMENT IS REACHED, SITUATION CAN ONLY WORSEN. IN TEN YEARS EUROPE MAY DEPEND ON ARAB COUNTRIES FOR OIL AND US FOR URANIUM."

2. IN DECEMBER 13 PRESS, PILGRIMS' SOCIETY SPEECH PROMINENTLY PLAYED GENERALLY AS STRAIGHT NEWS STORY. MARIO CIRIELLO FROM LONDON LA STAMPA CALLED SPEECH "KISSINGER'S WARNING TO EUROPE."

CIRIELLO WROTE: "IN ARTICULATE AND INCISIVE SPEECH, WITHOUT EUPHEMISMS OR RHETORIC, KISSINGER URGED RENEWAL OF RELATIONS BETWEEN AMERICA AND EUROPE.... HIS HARDEST WORDS WERE SPOKEN ABOUT EUROPE'S POLITICAL ACTIVITY."

IN PRO-KISSINGER TONE IL TEMPO'S ANTONIO PERRINI FROM LONDON SAID: "KISSINGER'S LONDON VISIT HELPED CONFIRM DISAPPEARANCE OF CLOUDS OVER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US AND EUROPEAN ALLIES. KISSINGER CARRIED OUT SPECTACULAR RELAUNCHING OF THE YEAR OF EUROPE' FOR 1974."

SOCIALIST AVANTI COMMENTED: "APPARENTLY, KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL MEANS THAT AMERICA INTENDS SECURE ITS LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY FIELD WITHOUT HAVING ITS RELATIONS WITH ARABS INTERFERRED WITH.

IN OTHER WORDS, KISSINGER ASKED EUROPEANS TO COME ALONG WITH AMERICA WHICH FEELS THE INITIATIVE IS NOW IN ITS HANDS."

IL MESSAGGERO'S MANISCO, FROM WASHINGTON, OBSERVED THAT NEW US ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES" DIFFICULT TO MATCH WITH NOBLE PROPOSALS FOR ENERGY COOPERATION RECOMMENDED BY KISSINGER IN LONDON."BEAUDRY

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